

# Package ‘denim’

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**Description** R package to build and simulate deterministic discrete-time compartmental models that can be non-Markov. Length of stay in each compartment can be defined to follow a parametric distribution (`d_exponential()`, `d_gamma()`, `d_weibull()`, `d_lognormal()`) or a non-parametric distribution (`nonparametric()`). Other supported types of transition from one compartment to another includes fixed transition (`constant()`), multinomial (`multinomial()`), fixed transition probability (`transprob()`).

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**BugReports** <https://github.com/thinhong/denim/issues>

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## Description

Simulate deterministic discrete time model

## Details

Imports

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**See Also**

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- <https://drthinhong.com/denim/>
- <https://github.com/thinhong/denim>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/thinhong/denim/issues>

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**d\_exponential***Discrete exponential distribution*

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**Description**

Discrete exponential distribution

**Usage**

```
d_exponential(rate, dist_init = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| rate      | rate parameter of an exponential distribution   |
| dist_init | whether to distribute initial value across subcompartments following this distribution. (default to FALSE, meaning init value is always in the first compartment) |

**Value**

a Distribution object for simulator

**Examples**

```
transitions <- list("I -> D" = d_exponential(0.3))
```

**d\_gamma** *Discrete gamma distribution*

### Description

Discrete gamma distribution

### Usage

```
d_gamma(rate, shape, dist_init = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>rate</code>	rate parameter of a gamma distribution
<code>shape</code>	shape parameter of a gamma distribution
<code>dist_init</code>	whether to distribute initial value across subcompartments following this distribution.

### Value

a Distribution object for simulator

### Examples

```
transitions <- list("S -> I" = d_gamma(rate = 1, shape = 5))
```

**d\_lognormal** *Discrete log-normal distribution*

### Description

Discrete log-normal distribution

### Usage

```
d_lognormal(mu, sigma, dist_init = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>mu</code>	location parameter or the ln mean
<code>sigma</code>	scale parameter or ln standard deviation
<code>dist_init</code>	whether to distribute initial value across subcompartments following this distribution. (default to FALSE, meaning init value is always in the first compartment)

**Value**

a Distribution object for simulator

**Examples**

```
transitions <- list("I -> D" = d_lognormal(3, 0.6))
```

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**d\_weibull***Discrete Weibull distribution***Description**

Discrete Weibull distribution

**Usage**

```
d_weibull(scale, shape, dist_init = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

scale	scale parameter of a Weibull distribution
shape	shape parameter of a Weibull distribution
dist_init	whether to distribute initial value across subcompartments following this distribution. (default to FALSE, meaning init value is always in the first compartment)

**Value**

a Distribution object for simulator

**Examples**

```
transitions <- list("I -> D" = d_weibull(0.6, 2))
```

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**mathexpr***Mathematical expression***Description**

Mathematical expression

**Usage**

```
mathexpr(expr)
```

**Arguments**

- `expr` User defined mathematical expression. The expression will be processed by muparser library which offers a wide variety of operators. Visit muparser website (<https://beltoforion.de/en/muparser/features.php>) to see full list of available operators.

**Value**

a Distribution object for simulator

**Examples**

```
transitions <- list("S->I"=mathexpr("beta*S/N"))
# definition for parameters in the expression required
params <- c(N = 1000, beta = 0.3)
```

`nonparametric`

*Nonparametric distribution*

**Description**

Convert a vector of frequencies, percentages... into a distribution

**Usage**

```
nonparametric(..., dist_init = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- `...` a vector of values
- `dist_init` whether to distribute initial value across subcompartments following this distribution. (default to FALSE, meaning init value is always in the first compartment)

**Value**

a Distribution object for simulator

**Examples**

```
transitions <- list("S->I"=nonparametric(0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 0.2))
```

**sim***Simulator for deterministic discrete time model with memory*

## Description

Simulation function that call the C++ simulator

## Usage

```
sim(
  transitions,
  initialValues,
  parameters = NULL,
  simulationDuration,
  timeStep = 1,
  errorTolerance = 0.001
)
```

## Arguments

<code>transitions</code>	a list of transitions follows this format "transition" = distribution()
<code>initialValues</code>	a vector contains the initial values of all compartments defined in the <b>transitions</b> , follows this format compartment_name = initial_value
<code>parameters</code>	a vector contains values of any parameters that are not compartments, usually parameters used in mathexp() functions
<code>simulationDuration</code>	duration of time to be simulate
<code>timeStep</code>	set the output time interval. For example, if <code>simulationDuration = 10</code> means 10 days and <code>timeStep = 0.1</code> , the output will display results for each 0.1 daily interval
<code>errorTolerance</code>	set the threshold so that a cumulative distribution function can be rounded to 1. For example, if we want a cumulative probability of 0.999 to be rounded as 1, we set <code>errorTolerance = 0.001</code> ( $1 - 0.999 = 0.001$ ). Default is 0.001

## Value

a data.frame with class `denim` that can be plotted with a `plot()` method

## Examples

```
transitions <- list(
  "S -> I" = "beta * S * I / N",
  "I -> R" = d_gamma(1/3, 2)
)

initialValues <- c(
```

```
S = 999,  
I = 1,  
R = 0  
)  
  
parameters <- c(  
  beta = 0.012,  
  N = 1000  
)  
  
simulationDuration <- 30  
timeStep <- 0.01  
  
mod <- sim(transitions = transitions,  
            initialValues = initialValues,  
            parameters = parameters,  
            simulationDuration = simulationDuration,  
            timeStep = timeStep)
```

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